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MILITARY- CIVILIAN GULF GROWS IN CAMBODIA

PRIME MINISTER IN TAM HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR SWANK THAT HIS RELATIONS WITH THE MILITARY HAVE NOT IMPROVED, AND CITED A RECENT SPEECH BY A GENERAL CALLING FOR A BITTER-END FIGHT WHILE HE AS PRIME MINISTER WAS URGING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. HE SAID HE HAD REACHED NO REAL UNDERSTANDING WITH FANK CONCERNING RECRUITMENT, AND ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT PLEAD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THE FANK IF, AFTER RECEIVING SLIPSHOD TRAINING, THEY WERE SHIPPED TO THE FRONT AS " CANNON FODDER." AMBASSADOR SWANK BELIEVES THE GROWING GULF BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND THE MILITARY HAS EMERGED AS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO UNIFIED ACTION. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH 6679, 7/3 (EXDIS).

QADHAFI THE CENTER OF TWO- PRONGED CRISIS

EMBASSY TRIPOLI BELIEVES THERE IS A CRISIS BOTH WITHIN
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THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL (RCC) AND IN LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, AND QADHAFI IS THE ISSUE IN BOTH CASES. RATHER THAN LEADING THE RCC THROUGH ORDERLY

DOMESTIC REFORM, HE CHOSE TO DELIVER ANOTHER ULTIMATUM. HE COULD HAVE LED LIBYA INTO A SYMBOLIC UNION WITH EGYPT, BUT OPTED TO DEMAND THE " WHOLE HOG ON A PLATTER." IN BOTH CONTEXTS HE PLAYED HIS ULTIMATE CARD -- THE THREAT OF HIS OWN WITHDRAWAL FROM AFFAIRS OF STATE.
(SECRET) TRIPOLI 873, 7/2 (EXDIS).

JAPANESE REACTIONS TO SUMMIT

EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND MEDIA ARE CONTINUING TO STRESS THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NIXON- BREZHNEV SUMMIT TO WORLD PEACE, BUT ARE DETECTING POSSIBLE PROBLEMS FOR JAPAN. CHIEF AMONG THESE IS THE IMPRESSION OF A US- SOVIET RESOLVE TO FORM A NEW WORLD ORDER BASED ON THE EXISTING BALANCE OF POWER. THE JAPANESE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT JAPAN MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DELIBERATIONS, AND THAT THE SOVIETS MAY TOUGHEN THEIR STAND AT THE FORTHCOMING TANAKA- BREZHNEV SUMMIT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TOKYO 8278, 7/2.

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